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Jan Peter Gumbert (“The speed of scribes”) and Michael Gullick (“How fast did scribes write?”) have both written about the speed of the medieval scribes, estimating the rate at which they worked by studying colophons in those manuscripts where scribes give the dates of the beginning and the ending of their work. Their calculations appear to vary greatly, perhaps because some scribes were not able to dedicate as much time to writing as others. As it is almost certain that Jón Þórðarson and Magnús Þórhallsson began work on Flateyjarbók (Gks 1005 fol.) in 1387, the question of how long the manuscript would have taken to complete poses an interesting puzzle. In my paper, I will introduce Gumbert’s and Gullick’s studies and use their calculations to determine how fast Jón and Magnús could potentially have written Flateyjarbók.